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I FEAR IT WASTE OF TIME FOR US HERE TO TAKE UP WITH BRITISH AND  
FRENCH REWRITING CURRENT CONTINGENCY PLANS.

STEEL'S POSITION WELL KNOWN. HE WOULD LIKE PRESERVE EXISTING  
INSTRUCTIONS. SEYDOUX IN UNFORTUNATE POSITION NOT HIS OWN  
FAULT, OF HAVING NO LATITUDE FOR DECISION, OR SOMETIMES I  
SUSPECT RECOMMENDATION, GIVEN HIM BY HIS FONOFF. CONSEQUENTLY,  
FUTILE TO HANDLE THIS MATTER WITH HIM. HE WOULD BE VERBOSE  
ON SUBJECT BUT THAT IS ALL.

SUGGEST WASHINGTON FIRM UP ITS OWN POSITION AND REFER MATTER  
TO THREE FONMINS. STAND THIS EMBASSY ALREADY WELL KNOWN.  
WE ARE AGAINST CONTINUANCE PRESENT SO-CALLED STANDING ORDERS  
AND WOULD LIKE SUBSTITUTE FOR THEM SOME ADAPTATION PROCEDURES  
AGREED UPON BY BERLIN COMMANDANTS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT  
GREAT MAJORITY GERMANS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, ESPECIALLY BERLINERS,  
BITTERLY OPPOSED CONCEPT EMBODIED PRESENT STANDING ORDERS,  
VIZ VON BRENTANO'S VIEWS CONVEYED EMBTEL 1205.

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